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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-29 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 8 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 8, 11, 16, and 19 are independent.

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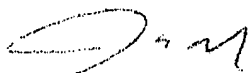
Re: Enclosed § 1.116 Amendment
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/835,518
Docket No. WN-2323

Dear Examiner Trinh:

We are enclosing a copy of the After-Final Amendment, for the above-identified patent application, filed on July 30, 2004.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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